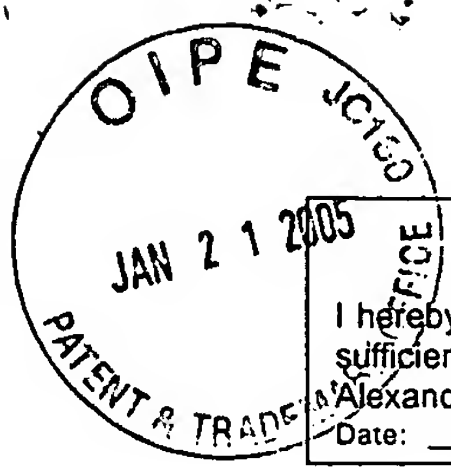


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	PATENTEE
3,895,629	07/1975	Snyder
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International Search Report in International Application No. PCT/US04/010159, dated October 4, 2004, 4 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3)(i), the International Search Report in International Application No. PCT/US2004/010159 has been included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of French Patent No. 1 177 805, which is not in English, to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same (See MPEP 609).

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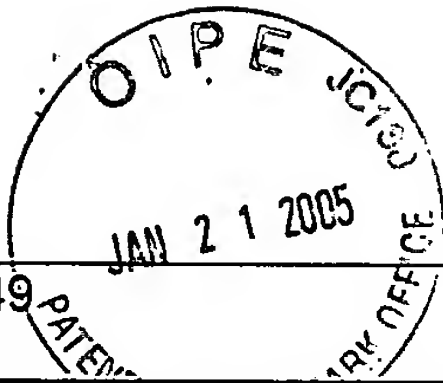
Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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